a the boat, and so I sent and seved ye. And sick with the fever, and also wounded

"He is very sick," I answered, sadly. "Of a surety I can, I can cure him; but

youth? Is he perchance thy son?" "He is my adopted son, ob, queen. Shall brought in before thee!" Nay. How long hath the fever taken

akest thou so sadly! Dost thou love

"This is the third day." "Good; then let him lie another day. Then ill he perchance throw it off by his own and that is better than that I should mim, for my medicine is of a sort to ke the life in its very citadel. If, howr, by to-morrow night, at that hour when fever first took him, he doth not begin to

then will I come to him and cure him. our white servant, he whom Billali names Pig; also"—and here I spoke with some sitation-"a woman named Ustane, a ry handsome woman of this country, who ame and kissed sim when first she saw him, and with stayed by him over since, as I unstand is the fashion of thy people, oh,

"My people! Speak not to me of my peoshe answered hastily; "these slaves are people of mine; they are but dogs to do y hidding till the day of my redemption s; and for their customs, naught have I do with them. Also, call me not queen a sick of flattery and titles-calls me yearn; the name hath a sweet sound in o ears; it is an echo from the past. As for is Ustano, I know not. I wonder if it be against whom I was warned, and whom turn I did warn? Hath she-stay, I will s;" and bending forward, she passed her and over the font of water and gozed ininto it. "See," she said quietly, "is

I looked into the water, and there, miractte of Ustane's stately face. She was ing forward, with a look of infinite tenoon her features, watching someks falling on to her right shoulder. 'It is she," I said, in a low voice, for once

re I felt much disturbed at this most un-"She watches Leo sleep," Ayesha in an absent voice; man bath named happily for once. It is y strange," she went on-"very. So like-is not impossible." With an impatient sture she passed her hand over the water ce more. It darkened, and the image vaned silently and mysteriously as it had en, and once more the lamp light, and

lamp light only, shone on the placid sur-

of that limpid, living mirror. Hast thou aught to ask me before thou est, oh Holly!" she said, after a few mo-its' reflection. "It is but a rude life that a dust live here, for these people are saves, and know not the ways of cultivated in. Not that I am troubled thereby, for, old my food;" and she pointed to the fruit on the little table. "Naught but fruit doth r pass my lips-fruit and a little water. I hidden my girls to wait upon thee are mutes, thou knowest, deaf are they dumb, and therefore the safest of serits, save to those who can read their faces their signs. I bred them so; it hath en many centuries and much trouble, but ast have succeeded. Once I succeeded ore, but the race was too ugly, so I did ay with it; but now, as thou seest, they otherwise. Once, too, I bred a race of

nts, wit after a while Nature would no re or it, and it died away. Hast thou the to ask of me!" Ay)one thing, oh Ayesha," I said, boldly, beeling by no means as bold as I trust I 'I would gaze upon thy face.'

the laughed out in her bell like notes. "Beak thee, Holly," she answered-"cethink e. It seems that thou knows there not the of the gods of Greece. Was there not Actreon who perished miserably because looked on too much beauty? If I show e my face, perchance thou wouldst perish erably also; perchance thou wouldst eat thy heart in impotent desire; for know m not for thee; I am for no man, save one,

o hath been, but is not yet. Again wilt, Ayesha," I said. "I fear thy beauty. I have put my heart away m such vanities as woman's loveliness, that ses like a flower."

Nay, thou errest," she said; "that does not My beauty endures even as I endure; if thou wilt, oh rash man, have thy will. blame not me if passion mount thy rea-as the Egyptian breakers used to mount rse, and guide it whither thou wilt not. er may the man to whom my beauty hath unveiled put it from his mind, and fore even with these savages do I go d lest they vex me and I should slay Say, wilt thou see!"

will," I answered, my curiosity overpow-Can be e lifted her white and rounded armshad I seen such arms before-and cured by purifying

ly, very slowly, withdrew some fastening ath her hair. Then all of a sudden the corpse like wrappings fell from her and eyes traveled up her form, now only in a garb of clinging white that did but to show its perfect and imperial shape, actività a life that was more than life with a certain surpent like grace that more than human. On her little feet sandals fastened with study of gold. came ankles more perfect than ever tor dreamed of. About the waist her kirtle was fastened by a double headed of solid gold, above which her gracious swelled up in lines as pure as they lovely, till the kirtle ended on snowy argent of her breast, whereon rms were folded. I gazed above them r face and-I do not exaggerate-shrunk blinded and amazed. I have heard of eauty of celestial beings; now I saw it; this beauty, with all its awful loveliness pury, was evil—at least, at the time, k me as evil. How am I to describe can not-simply, I can not. The man not live whose pen could convey a sense that I saw. I might talk of the great ging eyes of deepest, softest black, of the d face, of the broad and noble brow, en h to hair grew low, and delicate, bt features. But beautiful, surpassbenutiful as they all were, her lovelines ot lie in them. It lay rather, if it can id to have any fixed abiding place, in a majesty, in an imperial grace, in a ike stamp of softened power, that shone that radiant countenance like a living Never before had I guessed what

ty made sublime could be, and yet the mity was a dark one, the glory was not heaven, though none the less was it Though the face before me was of a young woman in perfect health and rst flush of ripened beauty, yet it had ped upon it a look of unutterable experi and of deep acquaintance with grief and on. Not even the lovely smile that crept

and from age to age evil I shall do and sor row shall I know till my redemption comes, Prawn by some magnetic force which I

could not resist, I let my eyes rest upon her shining orbs, and felt a current pass from them to me that bowildered and half blinded She laughed—ah, how musically! and nodded her little head at me with an air of

sublimated coquetry that would have done credit to a Venus Victrix. "Rash man," she said; "like Action, thou hast had thy will; be careful lest, like Action, thou too dost perish miserably, torn to pieces by the ban-hounds of thine own passion. I too, oh Holly, am a virgin goddess, not to be moved of any man, save one, and it is not thou. Say, hast thou seen enough?"

"I have looked on beauty, and I am

blinded," I said, boarsely, lifting my band to cover up my eyes. "So! what did I tell thee? Beauty is like

the lightning; it is lovely, but it destroysspecially trees, oh Holly." Suddenly she paused, and through my impers I saw an awful change come over her countenance. Her great eyes suddenly fixed themselves into an expression in which horror seemed to struggle with some tremendous hope arising through the depths of her dark

gracious, willowy form seemed to creet itself.
"Man," she half whispered, half hissed, throwing back her head like a snake about to strike—"man, where didst thou get that scarab on thy hand! Speak, or by the Spirit of Life I will blast thee where thou standest!" and she took one light step toward me, and from her eyes there shone such an awful lightto me it seemed almost like a flame-that I fell, then and there, on the ground before her, babbling confusedly in my terror.

soul. The lovely face grew rigid, and the

"There," she said, with a sudden change of manner, and speaking in her former soft voice, "I did affright thee. Forgive me. But at times, ch Holly, the almost infinite mind grows impatient of the slowness of the very finite, and I am tempted to use my power out of sheer vexation. Very nearly wast thou dead, but I remembered. But the

scarab—about the scarabsus!"
"I picked it up," I gurgled, feebly, as I got on to my feet again-and it is a solemn fact that my mind was so disturbed that at the moment I could remember nothing else about the ring except that I picked it up in Leo's

"It is very strange," she said, with a sudden access of womanlike trembling and agitation that seemed out of place in this awful woman, "but once I knew a scarab like that, Ithung round the neck-of one I loved;" and she gave a little sob, and I saw that after all she was only a woman, although she might be a very old one.

"There," she went on, "it must be one like it. Also in old Egypt many there were who bore the name of the Royal Son of Ra. The scarab that I knew was not set thus in the bezel of a ring. Go new, Holly, go, and if thou canst, try to forget that thou hast looked upon Ayesha's beauty;" and turning from ne, she flung berself on her couch and buried

her face in the cushions.

As for me, I stumbled from her presence, and I do not remember how I reached my own

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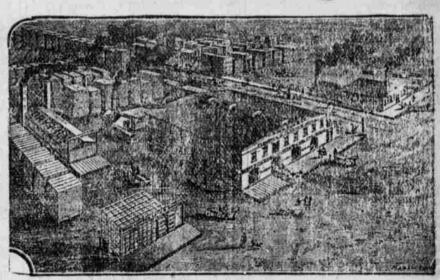
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